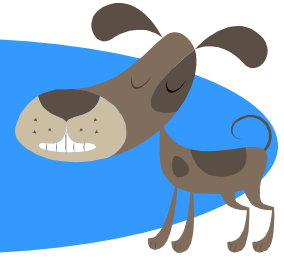


# Gimme Shelter

## News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

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## New Hours Begin February 1

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control will be changing its hours of operation effective February 1, 2010. The change will affect times that the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be open for lobby services, animal adoption, as well as the hours that phone service is available for animal related inquiries.

"We believe that our new hours will maximize our service to the public at times that are most convenient to their schedules," said Animal Care & Control Director Thomas Koenig. "By opening on Sunday, and adding evening hours in Sterling, we are hoping to reach a larger segment of our population and continue our commitment to serve the community."

To kickoff the new hours, the Animal Shelter will host a **Super Sunday** adoption event on **Sunday, February 7, from 12:00-4:00pm**. Adopters are encouraged to come to the shelter before the big game to find their own MVP (most valuable pet). All dogs and cats adopted on Super Sunday will receive **free spay/neuter surgery** (as needed).

New hours of operation for the Loudoun County Animal Shelter are below:

	LOBBY HOURS	ANIMAL ADOPTION HOURS
MONDAY	10:00am-6:00pm	12:00pm-6:00pm
TUESDAY	10:00am-6:00pm	12:00pm-6:00pm
WEDNESDAY	10:00am-8:00pm	12:00pm-8:00pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED*	CLOSED
FRIDAY	CLOSED*	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10:00am-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm
SUNDAY	10:00am-4:00pm	12:00pm-4:00pm

\*Owners wishing to reclaim stray pets or surrender a pet can do so on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment.



### Mobile Pet Adoptions

Every Thursday  
3:00 – 7:00pm

PETCO  
Dulles 28 Centre at the  
intersection of Route  
28 and Waxpool Road

**Phone lines** will be open for animal control services and general inquiries during the following hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00am-6:00pm, Wednesday 8:00am-8:00pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

## December Success

December was a busy month for Animal Care & Control! **89 animals** found new homes for the new year thanks to December's "Home for the Holidays" promotion.

This is a **48% increase** over the number of animals adopted in the previous month (60 total adoptions in November 2009).

The **Holiday Pet Pantry** was busier than ever before—almost twice as many animals were served compared to last year. **472 families** received assistance for **905 pets**. This included 438 dogs, 304 cats, and 163 small animals & birds.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make December such a success. Whether it was the generous individuals and groups who donated food and supplies to the Pet Pantry, or those who chose to open their hearts and homes to a new pet, our programs would not be a success without the support of our community. The animals thank you too!



*Gypsy, a 5 year old female spaniel mix, is looking for a home!*

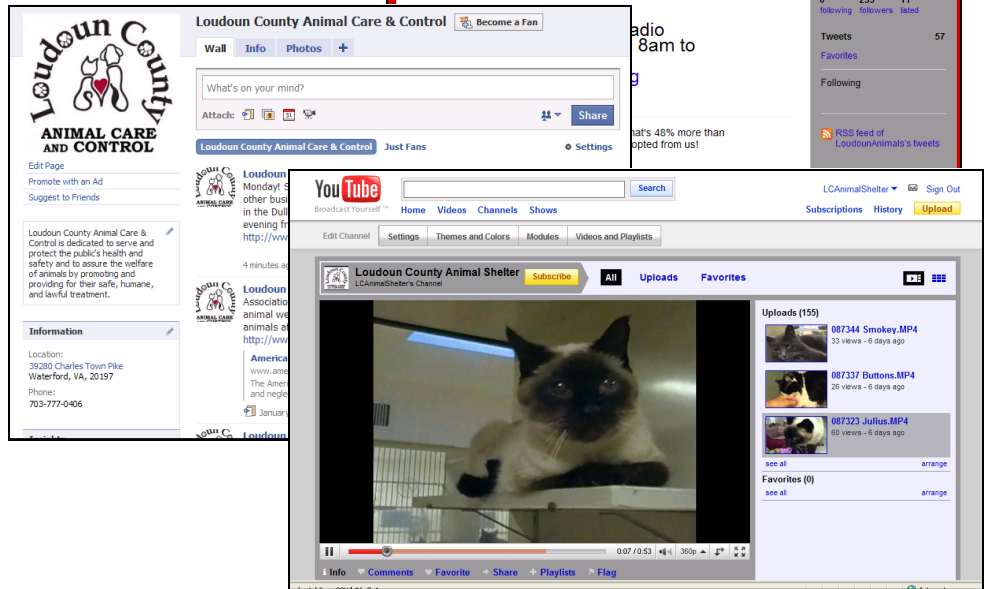
## Get Connected

We love spreading the news about Animal Care & Control, and now there are even more ways to stay in the know!

In addition to our email newsletter, you can get updates via our [Twitter](#) page.

And, if you're on [Facebook](#), you can become a fan of Animal Care & Control. Plus you can always see videos of animals available for adoption on our [YouTube](#) channel.

All of these links are also available at [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals) - just look for the "Social Media" section on the left hand side. Check it out and keep in touch!



## December Employee of the Month

December's Employee of the Month is **Amy Seymour**. Amy is being recognized for excellent and unselfish work as the Department's Volunteer Coordinator. Her efforts in ensuring her duties are accomplished and then looking to help in other areas is highly commendable. Specifically, she is being recognized for her work with the Holiday Pet Pantry, coordinating coverage with staff and volunteers and ensuring that food and

other supplies were kept in stock and ready for distribution through the Mobile Adoption Vehicle. Her efforts ensured that the largest number of animals belonging to families in need ever served by the Pet Pantry would be able to enjoy the holiday season and beyond. Additionally, she is being recognized for her support to staff by covering for customer service and dispatch and cleaning and taking care of common areas within the facility. Her always

positive attitude, commitment, and work ethic is greatly appreciated by everyone.

**Thank you Amy for all you do!**



**Congratulations Amy!**

## January Employee of the Month

January's Employee of the Month is **Mark Stacks**. Mark is being recognized for excellent and unselfish work as a Lead Animal Control Officer. His efforts in handling his cases and responding to calls for service and still providing support and assistance to his fellow officers is outstanding. His has been recognized by his team for assistance with a search warrant in Sterling; keeping the Division in

the technology loop; providing helpful care information for a Florida Diamond Terrapin; helping shelter staff; fixing a light in an ACO vehicle; offering to transport shelter staff during the snow storm; and helping to solve a difficult case. His continued hard work and support of the staff and the organization serves as a great example to others in the organization and is highly commendable. His actions continuously

reflect great credit upon himself and the Department.

**Thank you Mark for all you do!**



**Congratulations Mark!**